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Memorandum for: The Director

Subject: The Benton Resolution.

We'll call WBS what do

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1. Mr. [REDACTED] of PSB, informed the undersigned that at the PSB luncheon on 7 August, PSB wishes informally to seek guidance on the request that staff members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee meet on 8 August with representatives of State, Defense, PSB, and the Bureau of the Budget, to arrange for September testimony by these agencies in connection with S. Res. 74 (copy attached). This is the Benton resolution authorizing the Committee to investigate foreign information programs, including radio broadcasting, movies, student and other group exchanges, and the "encouragement of non-governmental agencies" in the furtherance of the resolution's objectives.

2. The Committee presently plans to go abroad this Fall, at which time it might desire to look into such open media as RFE without realizing its government connection.

3. In September 1951, the late Senator McMahon had planned to request the DCI to testify on S. Res. 74 in his capacity as Chairman of PSB, and at that time the DCI indicated that if testimony were required, it be given by the Director of PSB. It is recommended that all possible steps be taken to avoid any request for CIA participation or any testimony on CIA covert operations.

Go ahead on covert stuff

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DCI will handle this with Pforzheimer if it is

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